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Task Force Makes Arrest in Traveler Internet Case

Detectives with the Missing and Exploited Childrens Task Force arrested a 42 year old Seattle man in Olympia this afternoon for attempted rape, attempted kidnapping, and communicating with a minor for immoral purposes.

It is alleged that the suspect chatted with a WSP detective posing as a 13 year old female on March 22, 2005. It is also alleged that the suspect, knowing fully that he was supposedly talking with a minor over the internet, made several sexually explicit comments. It is further alleged, the suspect then spoke with a female detective wanting to meet her in person; arrangements were agreed to meet at a mall in Olympia. It is finally alleged that the suspect then traveled to Olympia, and contacted the female detective. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the center's Cyber Tip Line last year received 2,605 complaints about online sexual predators, a 23% jump from the previous year. Two-thirds of offenders who committed any type of Internet sex crime against minors possessed child pornography.

The Missing and Exploited Children's Task Force is a multi-agency task force that currently includes the Washington State Patrol, Lacey Police Department, and Port Orchard Police Department. For more information on missing and exploited children you can go to the Washington State Patrol website at www.wsp.wa.gov/missing or the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at www.missingkids.org.

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